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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES

REF: (A) MANILA 4427 NOTAL (B) MANILA 7600 NOTAL

1. UNHCR REP BLATTER HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT TANKER, M.V. JOHN MCCONE IS HEADED FOR YOSU, KOREA, WITH 38 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD. TANKER FLIES LIBERIAN FLAG, BUT IS REPORTEDLY OWNED BY CHEVRON SHIPPING CO., A UNITED STATES CORPORATION.

2. TANKER WAS SAILING FROM PERSIAN GULF TO KOREA WHEN 38 REFUGEES WERE PICKED UP FROM SMALL BOAT SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JUNE 6 OR 7. ALTHOUGH TANKER WAS NEVER SCHEDULED TO LAND IN PHILIPPINES, SHIP'S MANILA AGENT REQUESTED PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) TO ALLOW SHIP TO LAND IN MANILA AND THAT

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GOP ACCEPT REFUGEES. DFA REFUSED THE REQUEST. SHIP IS STILL ON ORIGINAL COURSE HEADED TOWARDS YOSU, KOREA, EXACT ETA UNKNOQN.

3. BLATTER WAS NOT INFORMED UNTIL AFTER DFA DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED, AND THEN FOR INFORMATION ONLY. BLATTER SAYS CLOSEST UNHCR REP TO KOREA IS STATIONED IN TOKYO.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE SHIP'S AGENT WAS AWARE OF FAVORABLE GOP DECISIONS IN CASES OF FAIRSHIP (REF "A") AND SANTA DIVINA (REF "B"). AGENT APPARENTLY HOPED DFA WOULD MAKE SIMILAR DECISION AND PERMIT REFUGEES TO LAND. EMBASSY BELIEVES DFA DECISION LARGELY BASED ON FACTORS THAT TANKER WAS NEVER SCHEDULED TO CALL AT PHILIPPINES PORT AND THAT MATTER OF LIFE ACQ DEATH WAS NEVER AT ISSUE. GOP APPARENTLY CONSIDERED THAT FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS GROUP WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT AND WAS FEARFUL THAT ANY NUMBER OF SHIPS OF DIFFERENT FLAGS WOULD BE PICKING UP REFUGEES AT SEA AND WOULD THEN HEAD FOR PHILIPPINE PORTS. END COMMENT.

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